AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image sensing apparatus having an image sensing unit for sensing the image of a subject via a focusing lens and outputting a video signal representing the image of the subject formed on a photoreceptor surface, a focus control unit for controlling the focusing lens in such a manner that an image within a focusing zone is focused on the photoreceptor surface, and a first display device for displaying the image of the subject, which is for confirming angle of view, represented by the video signal output from the image sensing unit, said apparatus comprising:

an enlargement unit for applying enlargement processing to the video signal, which has been output from the image sensing unit, in such a manner that an in-focus confirmation image, which corresponds to the focusing zone, in the image of the subject for confirming angle of a view is enlarged in comparison with the image of the subject for confirming the angle of view;

a first display controller for exercising control in such a manner that the enlarged in-focus confirmation image is displayed on the image for confirming angle of view; and

a second display device for displaying the in-focus confirmation image enlarged by said enlargement unit.

wherein area of the focusing zone is dynamically selectable anywhere within the image.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first and second display devices are the same.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein capture of the image for confirming angle of view and capture of the enlarged in-focus confirmation image may be performed ~~one after the other or~~ simultaneously in terms of time.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a two-stage-stroke-type shutter-release button;

a second display controller for displaying the enlarged in-focus confirmation image on said second display device in response to pressing of the shutter-release button through a first stage of its stroke; and

a recording controller for exercising control in response to pressing of the shutter-release button through a second stage of its stroke so as to record the video signal output from the image sensing device on a recording medium.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a first changing unit for changing at least one of position of the focusing zone and enlargement rate of enlargement processing performed by said enlargement unit.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second changing unit for changing at least one of display position and size of the in-focus confirmation image.

8. (Currently amended) A method of controlling operation of an image sensing apparatus an image sensing unit for sensing the image of a subject via a focusing lens and outputting a video signal representing the image of the subject formed on a photoreceptor surface, a focus control unit for controlling the focusing lens in such a manner that an image within a focusing zone is focused on the photoreceptor surface, and a first display device for displaying the image of the subject, which is for confirming angle of view, represented by the video signal output from the image sensing unit, the method comprising the steps of:

dynamically selecting an area of the focusing zone anywhere within the image based on a user input;

applying enlargement processing to the video signal, which has been output from the image sensing unit, in such a manner that an in-focus confirmation image, which corresponds to the focusing zone, in the image of the subject for confirming angle of view is enlarged in comparison with the image of the subject for confirming angle of view~~,~~; and

displaying the in-focus confirmation image that has been enlarged in such a manner that the enlarged in-focus confirmation image is displayed on the image for confirming angle of view.

9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a size of the focusing zone is dynamically adjustable.

10. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising dynamically adjusting a size of the focusing zone based on the user input.

11. (New) An image capturing apparatus, comprising:

an image sensing unit for sensing an image of a subject;

a focus zone selecting unit for selecting a focus zone and extracting a focus image, wherein a size of the focus image is smaller than a size of the image of the subject;

an enlarging unit for enlarging the focus image;

a focusing unit for focusing the image of the subject based on the focus zone; and

a display unit for displaying the image of the subject and the enlarged focus image,

wherein an area of the focus zone is dynamically selectable anywhere within the image or a size of the focus zone is dynamically adjustable or both.

12. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the display unit displays the image of the subject when operating in an angle-of-view confirmation mode.

13. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the display unit displays the enlarged focus image superimposed on the image of the subject when operating in a focus confirmation mode.

14. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sensing of image of the subject by the image sensing unit and the extracting of the focus image by the focus zone selecting unit occurs sequentially.

15. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 13, wherein the sensing of image of the subject by the image sensing unit and the extracting of the focus image by the focus zone selecting unit occurs simultaneously.

16. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the focus image is a subset of the image of the subject.

17. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 13, wherein a location of the focus image within the display unit is dynamically selectable.

18. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the display unit displays the enlarged focus image when operating in a focus confirmation mode.

19. (New) The image capturing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the sensing of image of the subject by the image sensing unit and the extracting of the focus image by the focus zone selecting unit occurs sequentially.